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SUBJECT: REFERENCE TO AMBASSADOR IN HOUSE FOREIGN

AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM ARA/BC STENOGRAPHIC
TRANSCRIPT OF FRASER-FASCELL HFAC SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 7,
1974 IN WHICH CHARLES PORTER AND OTHERS APPEARED TO
DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN CHILE.

2. ON PAGE 20 OF RECORD, PORTER IS QUOTED IN FOLLOWING
STATEMENT: "INSIDE CHILE, A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE POLITICAL
OPPOSITION TO THIS GOVERNMENT. ABOUT A THIRD, THE
AMBASSADOR DOWN THERE SAYS, ABOUT A THIRD DON'T LIKE THE
JUNTA AND WOULD VOTE AGAINST IT IF THEY HAD A CHANCE TO
VOTE, WHICH THEY DON'T HAVE."

3. THIS LANGUAGE PRESENTS A PARTIAL AND DISTORTED
VERSION OF ONE OF POINTS COVERED IN A CONFIDENTIAL
BACKGROUND DISCUSSION AMBASSADOR HAD WITH PORTER ON
LATTER'S ARRIVAL IN SANTIAGO. POINT BEING MADE BY
AMBASSADOR WAS THAT BULK OF CHILEAN POPULATION HAD
FROM BEGINNING SUPPORTED JUNTA AND THAT TO THE
BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE THIS REMAINED THE CASE. AMBASSADOR
THEN DESCRIBED POLITICAL BALANCE IN CHILE, NOTING THAT
ALLENDE GOVERNMENT HAD RECEIVED UPWARDS OF ONE-THIRD
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OF POPULAR VOTE IN ELECTION CAMPAIGNS AND THAT

ACCORDINGLY IT HAD TO BE ASSUMED THAT SOME CONSIDERABLE
PORTION -- AT LEAST, THE HARD-CORE LEFT -- REMAINED IN
OPPOSITION TO JUNTA, THOUGH IT COULD NOT OF COURSE MAKE
ITS VIEWS KNOWN BY BALLOT OR OTHERWISE.

4. IN VIEW OF EMBARRASSMENT TO AMBASSADOR WHICH COULD
BE CAUSED WHEN PUBLIC VERSION OF HEARINGS APPEARS, WOULD
APPRECIATE IT IF DEPARTMENT COULD REQUEST DELETION OF
SENTENCES QUOTED ABOVE, OR, IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, SOME
ALTERATION OF TEXT TO BRING IT INTO CONFORMITY WITH REMARKS
AMBASSADOR ACTUALLY MADE.

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